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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 19-APR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	71-81	72-75	74.20	28

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

74.57

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	158,112	155,106

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.00	1,244
BREASTS - B/S	227.50	5,406
BREASTS - WHOLE	123.50	1,790
THIGH MEAT - B/S	110.50	1,011
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,441
WINGS	130.50	2,940

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area increased one cent from Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings were available on heavy wogs and whole fryers; limited on lighter weights. Trade interest was measured and light overall. Retail trade was disappointing and slower than expected for the weekend in the St. Louis area; all other areas noted light to moderate demand. Food service demand was very slow in the St. Louis area; moderate elsewhere to instances good into fast food in the Chicago area. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable to heavy. Trade activity on parts was selective and very light on fully sufficient offerings. The market tone was mostly steady with a cautious undertone.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00	64.00	61.50**	EASTERN REGION	62.00	64.00	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	64.30**	61.00**	CENTRAL REGION	64.00	63.10**	58.50**
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	65.30**	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	64.50**	63.20**	58.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	150,462
AVG WT	5.22
LAST WEEK	152,052
SAME WK YR AGO	152,185
AVG WT	5.17
TO-DATE/2004	2,144,901
TO-DATE/2003	2,116,286

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
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THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,589	2,278
AVG WT	15.46	36.96
LAST WEEK	1,735	2,599
SAME WK YR AGO	1,978	2,909
AVG WT	15.69	37.15
TO-DATE/2004	23,676	34,501
TO-DATE/2003	24,174	37,665

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	122.00	122.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	142.00 - 143.00	142.11
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	106.00	106.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LG	153.00	153.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	708.00 720.00	715.66
168 3 Round, top inside round	178.00 191.55	184.92
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	714.00 748.00	721.11
Ground Beef 81%	122.85 134.93	126.76

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